



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
SHEN *et al.*  
Appl. No.: 10/664,404  
Filed: September 17, 2003  
For: **Laminated Electro-Mechanical  
Systems**

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Examiner: Trinh, Minh N.  
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**Reply to Restriction Requirement, and Election of Species**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated April 13, 2006, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 20060404), Applicants submit the following remarks. Applicants hereby elect to prosecute claims 1-27 designated by the Examiner as Species IA, Invention I. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. This election is made without traverse.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, and consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net

addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No.

19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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